

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 4, 6-13 and 15- 62 are currently pending. Claims 1-3, 5 and 14 have been cancelled.

Claims 11, 13, 15, 16, 23, 24, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over prior art of the instant application in view of Barzegar et al (U.S. Patent Application Number 20002/0027876). By way of the foregoing amendments, independent claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 14 which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 28 stands under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the prior art of the instant application in view of Barzegar as applied to claims 1-3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29 and 30 and further in view of O'Toole et al (U.S. Patent Application Number 5,889,856). However, claim 28 depends from claim 11 and, therefore is also respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

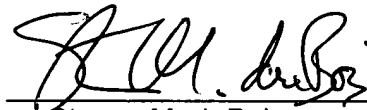
Claims 18-22 and 25-27 were not specifically identified in this Official Action as being either rejected or allowed. However, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable since the claimed combinations of features are not taught or suggested by the documents of record.

All of the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, she or he is invited to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863.

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